

MALDENS AND COOMBE HERITAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 26th FEBRUARY 2014

AT NEW MALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mary greeted all members (38)

The meeting started with a minutes silence in memory of Audrey Green who had died since the last meeting. The funeral was to be held at the South Downs Natural Burial site at East Meon. Donations were requested to be sent to the Cinnamon Trust c/o Garners Funerals in Wolverton Avenue

There was an apology for absence from Pat Farr.

There were no new members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

Mary thanked the church for the use of their meeting place, and for their catering facilities.

The recollections booklet was nearing completion and now comprised 76 pages. It was to be sent to the printers (freshprinting UK) to have a copy run off on approval. We are currently looking at ordering 150 copies at a cost of £350 and selling at £3.50 per book.

Further projects included the photographing of all the roads in the area from both ends, which would provide a valuable archive for the future. Members were asked to set the ball rolling by photographing their own residential roads. Another project was the awarding of the Lloyd Trophy in memory of Gwenda and Malcolm Lloyd two of our founding members. This was to be an award amongst the five secondary schools in the Maldens and Coombe area and for the pupils they nominated as showing an excellence in the subject of history (not necessarily local history). They would be asked to submit an example of their work which would be judged by the Heritage Society Committee. Marion (Malcolm and Gwenda's daughter, Maureen, and Joan agreed to take on the task of initially writing to the schools). The Society was also intending to produce a heritage map of the Maldens and Coombe based on the 1897 OS map, and a small committee would be working on that.

Mary then mentioned that the local RBL would be installing a plaque on the War Memorial honouring all members of the emergency services and others who had given their lives for their country since the outbreak of World War One. The unveiling would be in July, the anniversary of the commencement of the first world war.

We were then entertained to a talk from Bryan D Adams with illustrations entitled from London to The Suburbs. (Details attached).

In AOB Robin drew the members' attention to the existence of a new website Historypin on which it was possible to attach photographs to a map of the local area inviting comments etc, there were

already several of New Malden. Robin also mentioned that the Council were looking for details of famous residents for some form of commemoration. Unfortunately there was presently no money available for this project.

The meeting closed with the next planned for Wednesday 2nd April 2014.